

John Fitzgerald Kennedy Birthplace
(John F. Kennedy National Historic Site)
83 Beals Street
Brookline
Norfolk County
Massachusetts

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Norfolk	TOWN OR VICINITY Brookline
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) John Fitzgerald Kennedy Birthplace		HABS NO. MA-897
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE John F. Kennedy National Historic Site		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 83 Beal Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1908-1909 (National Register)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Robert M. Goode (National Register)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The birthplace (May 29, 1917) and boyhood home of John F. Kennedy, U. S. representative and senator and 35th President of the United States, Assassinated November 22, 1963.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame with shingles		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two and one-half stories; rectangular. For floor plans see HABS measured drawings.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gable roof, interior chimneys, two front gabled dormers, boxed cornice with end returns, front central entrance with one story balustraded porch and balustraded deck.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1966 and 1967 Mrs. Rose Kennedy and decorator Robert Luddington refurnished the house to appear as Mrs. Kennedy remembered it in 1917 (birthdate of J.F.K.).		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE National Historic Site		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The Kennedy family lived in the house from 1914 to 1920, when they moved to a larger house on Naples Road. The Beals Street house was sold to a friend and business associate, Edward E. Moore. It was repurchased in 1966 by the Kennedy family in order to set it up as an historic house. Purchased as a National Site in 1967.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places, 1976.		
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